

I am strongly OPPOSED to the relaxation of the rules on ownership. In a medium size market such as Tucson, where there are already fewer channels and news outlets available, the potential exists to quash all voices except one. Competition should be encouraged by ensuring that no monopoly be allowed to exist, not the other way round. The concentration of ownership in radio is a good harbinger of what may occur. Local news is nowhere to be found except on one AM station (even public radio fails here). The lack of local news has led to a monopolization of local power, with the mass public being shut out of details of the workings of their governments. This has the effect of ostracizing the public even more, and creating further rifts in our representative form of government.